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1. The SNB-PS unit at Svaty Kriz was formerly an SNB post. Its patrols are on permanent guard at the crossroad 800 m west of Svaty Kriz. Officers include:
 - a. Commanding Officer W/O Ladislav Sindelar, 28 years old, short stature, brown hair, blue eyes. An ardent Communist.
 - b. Deputy Commanding Officer W/O Melounek, 38 years old, not interested in politics.
 - c. Attached W/O Josef Jelinek, 28 years old, a non-Communist.

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2. The SNB-PS unit at Halze had only five men until the end of October 1949. Upon reorganization in November, it was reinforced to 30 men. Officers include:
 - a. Commanding Officer W/O Patera, 40 years old, 179 cm tall, strong build, blond hair; married; zealous in his duties and a true Communist.
 - b. Deputy Commanding Officer W/O Cerny, 43 years old, 165 cm tall, dark, thin hair; a Communist and zealous. Transferred to STB Prerov at the beginning of November.
 - c. Attached W/O Honzatko, 40 years old, 175 cm tall, married, and not a Communist.

3. The SNB-PS unit at Broumov originally had a strength of 10 men; after reorganization it had 35 men.

Prior to March 1950

4. SNB-PS Unit No. 9600 in Prague is commanded by Col. Jiri Kovar, but it has been reported that Col. Kovar was purged and imprisoned in March 1950 in connection with the removal of Clementis.

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5. The SNB-PS battalion at Karlovy Vary has the following officers:

- a. Commanding Officer Staff Capt. Galus, 45 years old, slim and short, blond hair; a former army officer and a fanatical Communist.
- b. Deputy Commanding Officer Lt. Horvath, 38 years old, medium build.
- c. Executive Officer Lt. Fikert, 42 years old, medium build, blond hair, a February 1948 Communist.
- d. Intelligence Officer W/O Hruska, 40 years old, 172 cm tall, weight 70 kg, greying hair; a February 1948 Communist.
- e. Education Officer W/O Kvasnicka, 27 years old, 168 cm tall, long face, brown hair. A fanatical Communist since 1945 and a graduate of a political indoctrination course at Karlovy Vary.

6. Courses for SNB-PS platoon commanders are of three months' duration. Technical training is given at Doupov, which is 20 km east of Karlovy Vary, and theoretical training at the headquarters of Unit. No. 9600 at Prague. These courses were established in July 1949 and they must be passed by every platoon commanding officer and deputy commanding officer. Students are carefully screened for educational background, political reliability, and physical condition. The commanding officer of the technical training course is Lt. Jan Konopasek, who is 46 years old, 168 cm tall, weighs 98 kg, and has a round face and brown hair. He is a 1945 Communist and a party official at Cheb where he is permanently assigned as company commanding officer. He also stays with the students while they attend the theoretical courses in Prague.

7. The following SNB-PS companies are subordinate to the Karlovy Vary battalion:

- a. As Company, with platoons at As, Mokřiny, Hranice (Rossbach), Fastviny, and Podhradí.
- b. Cheb Company, commanded by Lt. Konopasek. The unit has also a deputy commanding officer, an education officer, 2 W/O clerks, 2 radiomen, and 1 driver, and is situated, together with one platoon of 13 men, on the western edge of Cheb in a former poorhouse on the Cheb-Mühlbach highway. Other platoons are located at:
 - 1) St. Hroznatov.
 - 2) Hazlov, which controls the highways and railroad lines in a northwesterly direction.
 - 3) Liba (Libstěj).
- c. Kunzvárt Company, previously at Vysoka, was transferred at the beginning of 1950. Commanding Officer is Lt. Vojacek, 46 years old, medium build, red hair. Platoons are located at:
 - 1) Pálč.
 - 2) Oldřichov.
 - 3) Mayergrün.
- d. Hejdek Company.
- e. Kraslice Company.

8. An SNB-PS platoon is located at Liba on the Hazlov road. Officers include:

- a. Commanding Officer Josef Hana, 26 years old, 170 cm tall, oval face, blond hair; unmarried and a 1945 Communist. Since 1 January 1950, he has been attending a platoon commander's course.

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- b. Deputy Commanding Officer V/O Kanfner, 31 years old, 172 cm tall, weight 80 kg, slim, dark hair. A Communist since 1945 and with the border units from that time. He is a graduate of a platoon commander's course.
- c. Attached as Radioman V/O Dvorak, 170 cm tall, weight 70 kg, slim, dark hair. Married, lives at Liba, a 1945 Communist.

All other members of the platoon were replaced in October 1949 by 22 warrant officers (Podstraznisty), mostly 19-23 old youths from Morava. Old members were transferred to units in the interior or to criminal sections. Weapons consist of 7.65 mm pistols with 25 rounds and a .9 mm sub-machine gun with 150 rounds. Hand grenades are kept at platoon headquarters.

9. The Liba border area is patrolled by two-men units, each unit armed with a sub-machine gun. Until the summer of 1949, these patrols were furnished duty books showing routes and landmarks, but this method has been abandoned. The books now remain at the platoon headquarters while the patrols receive their instructions on sheets of paper. A typical mission is outlined in the following manner: 9,8,3 (C 1430-1500), 2,1 (ST 1700-1800), 2,3,8. This means that the patrol is to pass through designated points 9,8, and 3, where it will wait from 1430-1500 hours; then it is to continue to designated points 2 and 1, where it will remain from 1700-1800 hours; then it is to return to points 2,3, and 8. During watch, the patrol may move in a diameter of 1 km. Field telephones are available to it.
10. The ZPU plan for protecting the borders is divided into four phases:
 - a. Routine duties are to be carried out according to battalion directives. Routes for the Liba area are marked at 16 points (see Attachment II).
 - b. Alarm is to be given when small enemy groups attempt to cross the borders. A platoon is to be deployed on the so-called "observing line". The Liba platoon is to assign 3 men at each point 1-10; the remainder of the men are to remain at Liba headquarters. Patrols are to maintain contact with each other. During this phase of the plan the militia is to participate, and the ZIU plan contains a list of the men to be used.
 - c. ZZPU (reinforced protection of border territory). The wooden bridge near Hammelmühle is to be demolished. Firing is to be coordinated with the Cheb platoon at Rathsum (point 4). Patrols are to be issued signal flares in various colors and under enemy pressure they are to withdraw to military units at Sorghof-Seichenreuth.
 - d. UZPU (total protection of border territory).
11. The SSB regional headquarters in Prague is commanded by Col. Jahelka, who is 50 years old and an ardent party member. Attached to the headquarters is Staff Capt. Sedlacek, who is 45 years old, tall and slim, with thin greying hair. With Section IV (criminal) of the headquarters is Capt. Bohdanocky, age 27 years, height 172 cm, weight 75 kg, with light-brown hair. In 1942 he was with a gendarmerie battalion at Boleslav and was subsequently transferred to the criminal section in Prague.
12. The SSB district headquarters in Cheb is commanded by Lt. Kriz; his deputy is S. Lt. Svoboda. There are three SSB posts within Cheb and the following posts in the Cheb district:

a. Doubrava: V/O Jaroslav Balej.	g. Plesna: V/O Josef Libersky.
b. Stary Kynperk: V/O Vavrousek.	h. Schönabach (Lužy).
c. Mühlbach (Pomezna).	i. Novy Kostel: V/O Satra.
d. Liba: V/O Vanek.	j. Trsnice.
e. Frantiskovy Lazne: V/O Josef Cizek.	k. Kulsam.
f. Milstejn: V/O Novy.	

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13. Chief commander of the militia is Lt. Col. Paducha of the SSB; he is under the Ministry of Interior. Commanders of the regional and district militia are attached to the respective national committees. Militiamen are authorized to investigate suspicious persons and to take action on sighting illegal border crossers.
14. A militia platoon is stationed at Liba and is commanded by one Chlarec, who is a former corporal, age 30, height 170 cm, blond hair, and married. Personnel is recruited from Mhlbach, Dobrosov, Seichenreuth and Seeburg.
15. The district militia commander at Cheb is one Jahoda, an acting lieutenant, 45 years old, 165 cm tall, slim, and light-brown hair.

- Attachments: I. Sketch showing locations of SSB-PS units at Svaty Kriz, Halze, and Broumov.
- II. Sketch of building of SSB post at Liba.
- III. Sketch showing designated points under the ZFU plan in the Liba area.